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In re:

Applicant: ARENDS, G., et al

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Hon. Commissioner of  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sirs:

In conjunction with a simultaneously filed Request for Continued  
Examination and in response to final Office Action dated June 14, 2007, please  
amend the application as follows: